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U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

R E P O R T
of the
M E D I C A L O F F I C E R
O F H E A L T H
for the

Year Ended 31st December, 1966.

No. 6 Health Area,
"Springfield"
WILLINGTON,
Crook,
Co. Durham.

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To the Chairman and Members
of Tow Law U.D.C.

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for the year 1966.

The population of your area continues much the same although there has been a slight drift outwards.

There have been no cases of the more serious infectious diseases although a small outbreak of mild measles occurred. 7 cases of pneumonia occurred with 2 deaths, one under 1 year of age, and the other over 75 years of age.

For the fourth year in succession no new cases of tuberculosis have been reported.

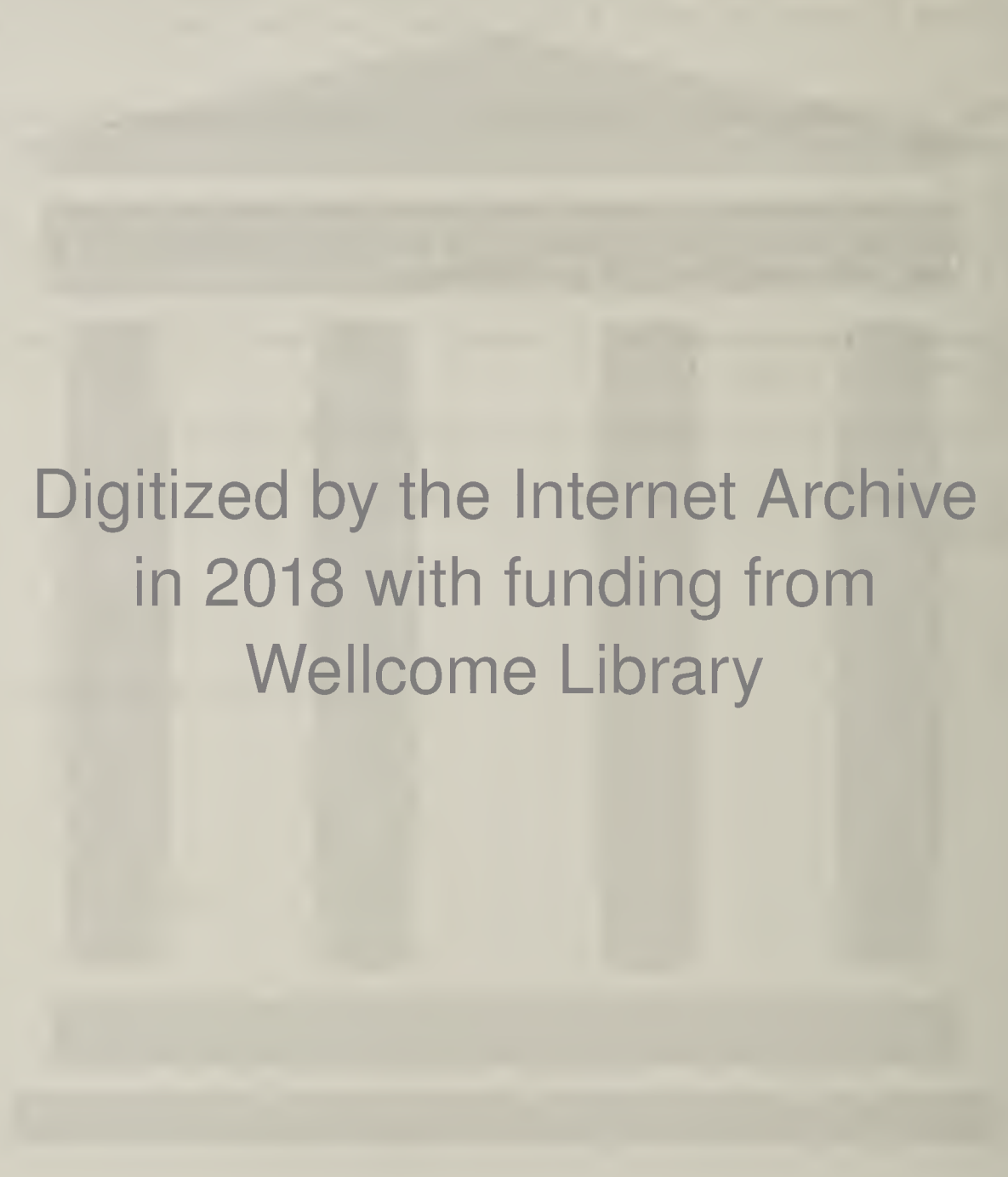
It is also pleasing to report that there have been no reported cases of food poisoning during 1966 especially in so far as the district lies astride a busy main road, the A68 to Edinburgh.

The main problem consists of housing. There are still some 90-100 poor properties requiring attention.

The report of your Public Health Inspector is attached.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Council and staff for their co-operation.

G. A. MCGREGOR,
Medical Officer of Health.



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CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	2,830
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid Year)	...	...	900
Rateable Value	...	...	44,760
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	167

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	40	24	16
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>17</u>
Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	14.49
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	17.7

Still Births

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still)	14.49

Deaths

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	<u>44</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	15.55
Death Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	11.7

Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes		..	Nil

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	2	2	-
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	1	1	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births			48.78
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales) ...	...	...	18.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - legitimate ...			50.0
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - illegitimate ...			-
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) ...			24.39
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) ...			24.39
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births) ...			24.39
Deaths from Cancer ...	...	...	5
Deaths from Measles ...	...	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea ...	...	...	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1961	15.69	63.82	14.04
1962	8.87	-	19.11
1963	14.04	22.72	15.07
1964	14.88	18.18	19.03
1965	15.03	27.78	12.59
1966	15.55	48.78	14.49

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1966

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year		1 - 5	5 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 55	55 - 65	65 - 75	& over
1. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
3. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
4. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
5. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
6. Coronary Disease, Angina	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
7. Hypertension with Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other Heart Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other Circulatory Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
10. Influenza	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Pneumonia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
12. Bronchitis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
13. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
15. All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	27	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	5	4	11
	F	17	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	6	7

Infectious Diseases

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	25	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Pneumonia	7	-	2

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years.

Year	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1961	-	-	3	-
1962	-	-	1	-
1963	-	-	-	-
1964	-	-	-	-
1965	-	-	2	-
1966	-	-	1	-

NOTIFIED DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1966

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

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TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS

FOR RECENT YEARS

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966

1. VISITS

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties:-

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	181 visits
(2)	W. C. Conversions and Defective Sanitary Conveniences	76 "
(3)	Drainage	31 "
(4)	Food Premises and Slaughterhouses (including visits made when inspecting meat)	106 "
(5)	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	63 "
(6)	Factories and Workplaces	20 "
(7)	Keeping of Animals	NIL
(8)	Insanitary ashpits and receptacles	21 "
(9)	Offensive Accumulations	2 "

2. NUISANCES

The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices. Other nuisances were remedied by informal action:-

	No. of Informal <u>Notices Served</u>	No. of Statutory <u>Notices Served</u>	Defects Remedied <u>after Notices</u>
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	5	-	5

3. SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND FOOD PREMISES

106 visits were made to slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, principally in connection with the inspection of meat. The quality of the carcasses presented for inspection and the general hygiene of the slaughterhouse premises continued to be satisfactory.

4. W. C. CONVERSIONS

During the year 9 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 820 water closets and 169 ashclosets in the district.

5. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

During the year 20 inspections of factories were made.

6. FOOD ETC. CONDEMNED

During the year 27 lb. 12 ozs. of meat and loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the owners concerned or by being buried at the Councils tip.

7. FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955-60

Inspections under the the above-mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.

8. FOOD PREMISES

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:-

1 Bakehouse
4 Butchers
24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners
16 Premises are registered for the sale of
pre-packed ice cream.

No further premises were registered during the year for the retail of ice cream.

9. HOUSING

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvements and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your Officers.

7 Standard Grants were approved during the year making the number of applications approved since the inception of the Standard Grant Scheme, in 1959, 85 at the end of 1966.

10. MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives details of the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number of Carcasses inspected	50	-	208	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	2	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-

No carcasses were found to be affected with Cysticerci.

In conclusion I would thank the Members and Staff of the Council for their support and assistance during the year.

J. B. KEELY

Public Health Inspector,

